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For CHEMOSENSITIVITY MEASUREMENT USING CASPASE ACTIVITY

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

*At page 1, as the first paragraph following the title, add:*

This is a 371 of PCT/EP00/02174, filed 13 March 2000.

*At page 5, rewrite the third complete paragraph as:*

Caspase activity tests are most suitable for the specific detection of apoptosis since necrotic damage, which is not relevant to cytostatic effects, is not covered. The method used in recent years for measuring caspase activity comprise the gel-electrophoretic separation of specific protein substrates as well as chromogenic and fluorogenic tests in which colored products are formed by the caspases (see, e.g., Cohen G.M., Biochem. J. 326: 1-16 (1997), Stennicke H.R., Salvesen G.S., J. Biol. Chem. 257:19-

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